

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. W. DWIGHT ARMSTRONG FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS CEO OF THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION AND FOUNDATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. W. Dwight Armstrong on the occasion of his retirement from the National FFA Organization and Foundation. For the past several years, Dwight has devoted his life to providing an exceptional educational experience to young leaders interested in agriculture. Located in Indianapolis, Indiana, the National FFA Center is home to the National FFA Organization, an organization committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education, and the National FFA Foundation, which builds partnerships with industry, education, government, foundations and individuals to secure resources for the future of education, agriculture and student leader development. The National FFA Organization and Foundation flourished immensely under Dwight's strong leadership and the Hoosier community is forever grateful for his dedication to our country's future leaders.

Dwight has demonstrated a lifetime passion for agriculture and the growth of our country. Growing up on a small farm right outside of Kuttawa, Kentucky, his love for agriculture began at a young age. He attended Lyon County High School, where he was an active leader in the National FFA Organization. Upon graduating high school, he went on to pursue higher education in this vital field of study. He received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Murray State University in 1971. After receiving his bachelor's, Dwight relocated to the Hoosier state to attend Purdue University, where he received his Master's and PhD in Animal Science in 1973 and 1975, respectively.

Before he began his tenure with the National FFA Organization and Foundation, he served in a number of positions that helped prepare him for his role as the leader of the National FFA. From 1975 to 1982, Dwight served as faculty in the Animal Sciences Department at North Carolina State University and was engaged with teaching, research, and extension work in swine nutrition. From 1982–2000, he held a number of leadership roles and eventually became President at Ackey Inc. in Ohio, a company providing nutritional solutions for animals and livestock throughout the United States. When Ackey was acquired by Provimi, a public company based out of the Netherlands, Dwight continued progressing with the company. From 2000 to 2008, Dwight served as CEO of North American Nutrition Companies, Director of the Americas, and eventually became Vice President of the Global Group. In this last role, he lived in the Netherlands and had operational responsibilities for Provimi's businesses in the Americas, France and Switzerland, and also served as a global innovation leader.

In 2008, he retired from Provimi and started his own consulting business with a focus on animal nutrition and agribusiness, and finally,

in 2009, Dwight joined the National FFA Organization as its COO and was later named CEO. In 2014, he was also named CEO of the National FFA Foundation and served both the Organization and the Foundation in a joint appointment.

Dwight's extensive and diverse background in the agriculture world made him an impeccable candidate to lead the National FFA. During his seven-year tenure, he has overseen an era of dramatic growth and success. Under his leadership, the organization increased participation exponentially and achieved an all-time record high membership of 629,367. This increase in student participation led to a vast increase in attendance at the National FFA Convention & Expo, making it the largest annual student gathering in the nation. He also solidified close collaboration and complementary strategic direction for both the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation. The National FFA Foundation achieved record results in their annual fundraising efforts and campaigns. These notable records set under Dwight's guidance exemplify the significant and essential contributions he made to both the National FFA Organization and Foundation.

Dwight's success as a leader in agriculture and astonishing dedication to our future farmers and leaders has not gone unnoticed. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award from Purdue (1995), American Society of Animal Science Fellow Award (2000), Outstanding Agriculture Alumni Award from Murray State University (2002), Honorary American FFA Degree (2005), National FFA VIP Award (2006), Distinguished Alumnus Award from Murray State University (2007), and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Feed Industry Association (2009). Due to his outstanding guidance and service, he has been asked to serve on a variety of agricultural and not-for-profit boards throughout the years, including the American Society of Animal Science board (1996–1998), Animal Agricultural Alliance board of trustees (1998–2001), American Feed Industry Association board (1998–2001), National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board (2000–2005), Professional Services board (2009–present), Mathile Institute board (2011–present), and Shoulder to Shoulder board (2012–present).

Agriculture is an essential part of not only our nation, but the entire world. Dwight has made a remarkable impression on the world of agriculture and the future leaders of our great nation. He left a legacy of success that will continue to be seen through the work and efforts of our young farmers and future leaders for decades to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I'd like to congratulate Dwight on his noteworthy career and extend a huge thank you for all the wonderful contributions he has made to the Hoosier community and our country as a whole. I wish the very best to Dwight, his wife, Judy, and their family as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
SUSAN TOLCHIN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to remember the life of Susan J. Tolchin, someone whom I had the privilege to work with and who I had long admired for her curiosity, her judgment, and her concern for others.

An ardent feminist, who along with her husband Marty, brought attention to the plight of middle-class working women, a class of Americans often overlooked and rarely chronicled, Susan and Marty authored several books together, all of which highlighted the mechanisms that the Tolchin's considered "occupational hazards of democracy."

As an author and a professor, Susan focused on and scrutinized political patronage and its many pitfalls, and was one of the first political scientists to identify growing voter disenchantment and disillusion with their government. She wisely concluded that these concerns were deeply rooted in the women's and worker's rights issues, largely discounted and ignored by policymakers, but which she sought to highlight through her teaching and writings.

In her seminal and sage work on political patronage, Susan redefined political patronage as that which "includes the vast range of favors awarded by constantly expanding governments." Likewise, her work on evolving voter anger was cutting-edge analysis, far ahead of her peers.

For those who had the fortune to know her, Susan was an engaging and charming conversationalist, with a natural curiosity and ability to learn from others. She was always learning and seeking new ideas, and applying this knowledge to her scholarship in the classroom and in her writings in political journals, magazines and books.

Susan's legacy of scholarship has provided those of us who also champion women's and laborers' rights with a critical knowledge base. Her work was inspirational, and insightful, and helped me and many others to understand trends and the undercurrents that caused them which others might have missed.

Susan was not only dedicated to struggles of the working, middle-class women, but also to her family, whom she loved dearly. She and her husband Martin worked closely together for many decades, authoring many books. She adored her daughter Karen, also a professor, and their charming grandson, Charlie. The tragic loss of their son Charles from a series of health setbacks in 2003 was a show of strength, love and compassion, how a supportive family rallies behind a son in need, with courage and resilience.

They were quite a team, Susan and Marty, always joyful and supportive of each other, in the best of times and in challenging times.

Those who were fortunate to have known and loved Susan, or who had followed her work, will miss her terribly. Her passion was an inspiration for many, and one can only hope that her passing will not be the last chapter of her story, but that she will continue to inspire countless others. She certainly inspired me.

I submit the following list of books authored or co-authored by Susan Tolchin.